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## MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFERS LOCAL HISTORY FELLOWSHIPS

The Montana Historical Society is offering two Dave Walter Research

Fellowships to Montanans who want to do research on community and local area history.

Society Research Center Program Manager Molly Kruckenberg said research can be for any project related to exploring local history including city or county histories, museum exhibit development, walking history tours, oral history, historic preservation and archaeology.

The fellowship stipend is \$1,250, and each recipient must be in residence for one week between June 1 and Oct. 31 at the Society in Helena. Fellows are expected to make use of the Society collections and submit a written report or a copy of their final product upon completion.

Kruckenberg said award criteria are suitability of research to Society collections, applicant's experience in conducting local history, and potential of the project to make a contribution to local history.

Applicants must include a cover letter, a project proposal not to exceed three double-spaced pages, a resume and letter of recommendation. Applications should be sent to Dave Walter Research Fellowship Selection Committee, Montana Historical Society PO Box 201-201, Helena MT 59620-1201, and postmarked no later than March 1. Call 406-444-2681 for more information.

"Dave dedicated his life and his work at the Society to Montana and local history across the state," Kruckenberg said. "We consider this a prestigious honor for Montana."

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